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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5913

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SUBJ: NON-ARRIVAL OF UNACCOMPANIED POUCHES: SECOND CONSECUTIVE
OCCURRENCE

1. TODAY (DEC. 23) FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE TIME POUCHES CARRYING
OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL MAIL FAILED TO ARRIVE IN ACCRA.

2. THIS HAS TWO CONSEQUENCES, EACH IN OUR OPINION SERIOUS.

A. FIRST, IF THERE ARE OFFICIAL MATTERS TO WHICH DEPT. WISHES
EMBASSY ATTEND, WE CANNOT DO SO UNTIL DEC. 27, I.E., ELEVEN DAYS
AFTER ARRIVAL LAST POUCH. DEC. 25 AND 26 ARE HOLIDAYS. ALTHOUGH
POUCH MAY ARRIVE ON DEC. 25 CLOSURE OF GOG CUSTOMS FACILITIES
PRECLUDE USE OF CONTENTS EVEN IF WE ARE PREPARED TO PAY OVERTIME
FOR CLEARING, SORTING AND READING OF MATERIAL.

B. SECOND, IS EQUALLY SERIOUS IMPACT ON MORALE OF PERSONNEL
DEPENDENT UPON POUCH FOR MAIL. SITUATION NOW IS THAT LAST TWO
POSSIBLE MAILS PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS BEING DELAYED BEYOND CHRISTMAS.
TO SAY LEAST, THIS IS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO HIGH MORALE AT THIS POST.

3. WE WOULD HOPE DEPT. WILL ENSURE THAT NEXT POUCHES (DUE TO
LEAVE NEW YORK ON PANAM EVENING OF DEC. 24) WILL NOT BE DELAYED.

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4. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND LOCAL AFSA CHAPTER SO DISTURBED THIS MATTER

IT WIRING COMPLAINT SEPARATELY IN THAT CHANNEL. END FYI.
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